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1 Chron. XVI. 12.

Remember his Marvellous Works that he hath done, his Wonders, and the Judgments of his Mouth.

AS we have the Honour, and Privilege, to ſtand ſo high in the Scale of Beings; that we are made but *little lower than the Angels*, and are diſtinguiſh'd from the inferior Vegetable and Animal Creation: Inaſmuch as *there is a Spirit in Man, and the Inſpiration of the Almighty hath given him Underſtanding*;[a] it is conſequently incumbent upon us, ſo to employ theſe noble diſtinguiſhing Powers of our Nature, as may anſwer the moſt valuable Purpoſes, and comport with the wiſe Deſigns of the great *Creator*. Now I would aſk, what in the World can furniſh out a more

[a] b. xxxii. 8.

proper Subject to a Man for the *Exerciſe*, *Entertainment*, and *Improvement* of his reaſonable and intellectual Powers, than the ſerious Contemplation of the Perfections of the Deity, as diſplay'd in all the *Works* of God; but moſt remarkable and ſtriking in thoſe, which may be called his *Marvellous Works*. This muſt be a moſt agreeable *Entertainment* to a good Man, who will receive new Pleaſure from every Diſcovery he can make of the Divine Perfections: This greatly encourageth his diligent Reſearches into the *Works* of God. *The Works of the Lord are great: Sought out of all them that have Pleaſure therein.*[b] It cannot be a ſmall or inconſiderable Pleaſure, that will ariſe to the pious and devout Mind, from a ſerious Contemplation of any of God's *Wonderful Works*, whether of *Creation*, *Redemption*, or *Providence*.

I. If with a truly ſerious Spirit we go over the *Moſaic* Hiſtory of the *Creation* of the World; we ſhall find ſomething *Marvellous* in every Production of Almighty Power, and Infinite Wiſdom: Something, highly worthy of our Attention, and which may with great Propriety excite our Admiration and our Praiſe. What a Rich and *Marvellous* Diſplay was it of Infinite Wiſdom, to ſtrike out the beautiful Plan of univerſal Nature! And what

[b] Pſalm cxi. 2.

what a ſurpriſing Effect of Almighty Power, to command out of *nothing* an orderly and harmonious World into Exiſtence! If we contemplate the Heavens, Earth, and Seas, with all their ſeveral Inhabitants, as the Effects of the Infinite Wiſdom and Power of God; we ſhall ſee abundant Reaſon to expreſs our Wonder in that *Pathetick* Exclamation of the Pſalmiſt. *O Lord, how manifold are thy Works! in Wiſdom haſt thou made them all.*[c]

II. *Further:* LET us take a ſhort, but ſerious View of the Recovery and Redemption of fallen Men by the Lord Jeſus Chriſt: That *Aſtoniſhing* and *Gracious Work* of *God*, ever to be *Remembered* and ever to be *Admired*, which furniſhes out an inexhauſtible Subject of Praiſe to the Saints on Earth, and tunes the golden Harps of Heaven. *Hear, O Heavens, be Aſtoniſh'd, O Earth, for God So loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting Life.*[d] If we ſet ourſelves ſeriouſly to think of the deplorable State of Mankind by the Fall, and the Method contriv'd by Unerring Wiſdom, and executed by Infinite Mercy, and Compaſſion for his Recovery, it muſt appear to be the *Lord's Doing, and marvellous in our Eyes.*[e] Who can read the

[c] Pſal. civ. 24. [d] John iii. 16. [e] Pſal. cxviii. 23.

the Goſpel-Account of our Redemption by the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, without admiring the Wiſdom of the Contrivance, and being even charm'd with the Love, Compaſſion and Benevolence of the Saviour? To what an *Aſtoniſhing* and *marvellous* Height did the Love and Pity of the Son of God ariſe, when it put him upon making that kind Propoſal? *Lo! I come* (*in the Volume of the Book 'tis written of me*) *to do thy Will, O God.*[f] Was it not *marvellous* Condeſcenſion in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to leave the Manſions of his heavenly Glory, to pay a friendly Viſit to this World of our's, in the human Nature? And what leſs can we call it than *marvellous* Love, Compaſſion, and Grace to Mankind, that induc'd the glorious Majeſty of Heaven to give up his only-begotten, and well-beloved Son: Or the bleſſed Jeſus to ſubject himſelf to a ſorrowful and deſpiſed Life, and finally to ſubmit to a ſhameful, painful, and accurſed Death upon the Croſs, *that he might redeem us from all Iniquity, and purify unto himſelf a peculiar People zealous of good Works.*[g] But

III. I HASTEN to that which I propoſe more largely to inſiſt upon at this Time, *viz.* God's *Works of Providence*; by which I mean his wiſe, juſt, and powerful governing, preſerv-

[f] Heb. x. 7. [g] Titus ii. 14.

ſerving, and directing his Creatures, and their Actions.

IT muſt argue great Inattention, or ſtrange Stupidity, in rational Beings, not to diſcern an infinitely wiſe, powerful, and good Superintendent over this World. Which Way ever we turn our Eyes, (unleſs at the ſame Time we abandon our Reaſon) we muſt diſcern ſome Traces of the *Deity*, who is not (according to the groundleſs Opinion of *Epicurus* and his Followers) an idle, unconcern'd Spectator of the Affairs of this Life, but the ſovereign all-wiſe Diſpoſer and Over-ruler of human Events.

IF looking upwards we view the glorious Order of the Heavenly Bodies: Obſerving the *Sun* and *Moon*, the fix'd *Stars* and *Planets*, whether we remark the ſteady Situation of the one, or the regular, conſtant and uniform Courſe of the other, we cannot but in each deſcry ſome lively Footſteps of the Infinitely Perfect Creator and Ruler; thus *The Heavens declare the Glory of the Lord, and the Firmament ſheweth his handy Works.*[h]

IF turning our Eyes downwards, we contemplate the Earth on which we tread, or the Ele-

[h] Pſal. xix. 1.

Element in which we breath, there's not a Bird, Flower, or Inſect, but in it's proper Sphere, and a Way ſuited to it's own Nature, proclaims the Glorious Perfections of the God of *Providence*. Therefore, I ſay, 'tis ſtrange Negligence, and Inattention in rational Beings, not to diſcern an Infinitely Wiſe, Powerful, and good Superintendent. But what greatly heightens, and aggravates this Stupidity and Remiſſneſs in Men is, that the great Director of Providence hath often wrought ſo Great, Surprizing, and *Marvellous* Things for his Church and People, and yet they know him not, nor retain a becoming Senſe of his Goodneſs, for which Reaſon 'tis very neceſſary to call upon you in the Words of the Text, to *Remember his marvellous Works that he hath done.*

For the Conviction therefore of thoſe who doubt the Providence of God, and for the quickening of others to *Remember* and *Record* the ſingular Mercies of Providence, who have ſlighted or forgotten them, I made choice of this Portion of Scripture; but more particularly, for our Improvement of the Happy Providence of *this Day.*

To every *Britiſh Proteſtant* within hearing of me, I would now ſolemnly addreſs myſelf in God's Name, and his holy Servant *David's*

David's Words, *Remember his marvellous Works that he hath done.*

THESE Words are a Part of that Anthem or Song of Praiſe, which was compos'd and ſet to Muſick, on the joyful Occaſion of the Return of the Ark into the City of *David*, and the Tent which he had pitched for it.

THE Paſſage I have now read, however ſuitable it may have been to the particular Occaſion on which, and People for whoſe immediate Uſe it was originally compos'd; yet is certainly very ſuitable for us alſo, when we are aſſembled together to Record ſome Extraordinary Appearances of God in Favour of theſe *Kingdoms*, and particularly the very Seaſonable and Happy Succeſſion of the *preſent Royal Family* to the *Throne* of *Great Britain*, on the ever *Memorable firſt of Auguſt*. A Day which the good Providence of God hath plainly pointed out to us, as a very proper Seaſon, in which to *Remember the marvellous Works that he hath done, his Wonders, and the Judgments of his Mouth.*

THIS Day had ſtood diſtinguiſh'd as one of the *Days of Darkneſs*, and the Beginning of *many* ſuch: Had not God very Remarkably reverſed our Doom, and at a Time when it was little expected fill'd our Mouths with

Songs of Deliverance. This was indeed one of God's *Marvellous Works*, which we are under very ſtrong Obligations to *Remember:* But this will come more directly under our Notice hereafter, for the Method in which I intend to diſcourſe on the Paſſage I have now read to you, is as follows:

I. I WOULD take Occaſion to hint ſome of the *Marvellous Works which God in his great Goodneſs hath done for theſe Kingdoms.*

II. I WOULD point out to you the Uſe that ſhould be made of ſuch *Marvellous* and *Merciful Works* of God, or what Duty is ſuggeſted to us in the Exhortation in my Text. *Remember his marvellous Works that he hath done.*

I. I WOULD take Occaſion from this Paſſage to hint ſome of thoſe *Marvellous Works* which God in his Great Goodneſs *hath done* for theſe *Kingdoms.* And,

1. IF we look back to the Happy *Reformation* of theſe Lands, from Popiſh Superſtition and Idolatry, we ſhall ſee Reaſon to acknowledge it a *Marvellous Work* of *Providence.* Oh what Aſtoniſhing Goodneſs! What Rich Grace was that! which happily diſtinguiſhed our's among the *Idolatrous Nations*, ſet a Mark upon us as a *People formed for himſelf*,

himſelf, that they might ſhew forth all his Praiſe:[i] and therefore commanded a Glorious Light to ſhine out of that thick Darkneſs, in which theſe *Kingdoms* were overwhelm'd in common with the *Nations* around us. How Rich and Glorious were the Diſplays of Divine Grace, Wiſdom, and Power, in raiſing up a few worthy Perſons, and animating them with uncommon Courage and Zeal, for the Purity and Simplicity of Chriſtianity, and carrying them thro' their laudable Attempts for ſuch a *Reformation*, with more than common or expected Succeſs! A *Reformation*, in which all *Chriſtians* ſhould, and all true Conſiſtent Proteſtants muſt, and will rejoice, which made head againſt the moſt furious Oppoſition, and was manifeſtly and very Remarkably ſupported by that God, whoſe Cauſe it undoubtedly was. And as on the one hand, we have great Reaſon to thank God that the *Reformation* went ſo far, ſo on the other hand, to condemn ourſelves that it has gone no further.

2. WE have heard with our Ears, and our Fathers have told us, the great Things which God wrought by his mighty Hand for theſe *Kingdoms* in their Days, as well as in the old Times before them. *Witneſs*, That *Memorable* and *Marvellous Work* of his Hand,

[i] Iſai. xliii. 21.

the *Reſtoration* and *Recovery* of our Religious and Civil Liberties, (when both lay at Stake) by the ſeaſonable Landing of the Illuſtrious *Prince of* ORANGE, afterward *King* WILLIAM *the Third*, who by this Happy *Revolution*, ſecured to himſelf a *Glorious* and *Immortal Memory*. How *Marvellous* a *Work* of the Hand of God was this! How remarkable an Appearance of Providence in Favour of our Dear Country! That when every thing Sacred and Dear to *Britiſh Proteſtants* was threatened, and upon the very Point of being ſacrific'd to Popiſh Bigotry and Arbitrary Power, A Stranger ſhould appear warm'd with a Generous Compaſſion for this Devoted Iſland, to reſcue us from the Jaws of Deſtruction, and that too, at a Time when the Caſe ſeem'd Deſperate, and He had but very little human Proſpect of Succeſs in the Honourable Undertaking: That God ſhould ſo *Remarkably* intimidate the Enemies of our Religion and Liberties, and eſpouſe the Cauſe of an Oppreſſed Miſerable People, at that very critical Juncture; this is juſtly to be *Remembred* as the *Marvellous Work* of God, and one of the *Wonders* that his Hand hath *wrought* in Favour of theſe Kingdoms; eſpecially if we take into our Conſideration, the very Happy Conſequence of the Revolution, *viz.* the *Settlement* of the *Hanover Succeſſion*, the deſirable Effect of which *Act* of *Settlement*,

ment, was the Peaceable and Happy Acceſſion of his Late Majeſty *King* GEORGE *the Firſt of Glorious and Immortal Memory.* And that too, at a time, when we were all falling into the utmoſt Confuſion, when Deep and Dangerous Schemes were laid for our Ruin and without the immediate Appearance of Providence in our Favour, we muſt have been a very Wretched and Miſerable Nation: Even our Natural and Religious Rights were invaded, and we ſeem'd a People Devoted to Deſtruction; But (which was a very extraordinary Circumſtance, and ſhews that the Hand of the Lord was in all this) *that Very Firſt of Auguſt*, which was deſigned to have given Sanction to this dreadful Scene of publick Calamity, was wonderfully over-rul'd of God to be the Happy, the Auſpicious Day, that by the Seaſonable Succeſſion of the *Preſent Royal Family* to the *Throne*, ſcattered at once the black and diſmal Clouds that hung over our Heads, revived our drooping Hopes, and was introductory to all the very valuable Priviledges we at this Day enjoy, under the Auſpicious Reign of his *Preſent Majeſty King* GEORGE *the Second*, whom may God in Mercy to theſe Kingdoms long preſerve.

WHEN upon ſo Joyful and Happy an Occaſion as this, we are Recording the *Marvellous Works* that the Hand of God *hath wrought* in

in and for theſe Nations, it would carry the Appearance of Ingratitude, entirely to overlook the Happy Defeat of the Rebels at *Preſton*. When very early in the Late Reign, our Enemies attempted to reduce us into all that Confuſion and Miſery, from which we had been ſo Lately and ſo Wonderfully Recovred.

Let us Record it to the Honour of Divine Mercy, that when God was pleaſed to callaway our Late, Wiſe, and Gracious Soveeign, who had been ſo Faithful and Tender a Father of his Country, and we were ready to fear the Enemies of our Conſtitution might make uſe of that Opportunity to renew their malicious Attempts, to bring in a Popiſh Pretender among us; thoſe Fears were ſo ſoon and ſo happily remov'd, by the *Peaceable Acceſſion* of his *preſent Majeſty*; An Event, which all that are duly ſenſible of our preſent Priviledges, muſt ſurely reflect upon with Abundance of Pleaſure and Gratitude, to the Wiſe and Good Governor of the World, who diſpoſeth of Thrones and Empires at his Pleaſure. It muſt yield a ſenſible and great Satisfaction to all the hearty Friends of our happy Conſtitution, and Lovers of our Country, that God was pleaſed, in the Late Campaign, to cover his *Majeſty*'s Head in the memorable *Battle* of *Dettingen*, when his Important

Important Life was greatly hazarded in Defence of the Rights and Liberties of *Great Britain* and its *Allies*; as alſo to preſerve the Life of his *Royal Highneſs the Duke*, notwithſtanding the Honourable Wound he received on that Occaſion, when he diſtinguiſhed himſelf in the ſame Glorious Cauſe. What can we call it leſs than a *Marvellous Work* of Providence, that the Confederate Army ſucceeded in that Engagement, under ſuch manifeſt Diſadvantages? We cannot do Juſtice to that kind Providence which hath appeared ſo Remarkably for us, if we do not take into this Account, the great Diſappointment our Enemies met with in their late malicious Deſign of Invading this Kingdom, and placing a Popiſh Pretender on the Throne. The Valuable Prizes we have lately taken from the Enemy, together with the Happy Progreſs of our Armies in one Country and another, ſtrongly inforce the Exhortation in my Text, and loudly call upon us to *Remember God's Marvellous Works that he hath done.* Thus having according to the Method laid down, taken Occaſion from theſe Words to hint to you ſome of the *Marvellous Works* of God for theſe Kingdoms, I proceed,

II. To ſhew what particular Uſe we ſhould make of ſuch *Marvellous Works* of God; or in what Manner we ought to *Remember* them.

I. SUCH

1. SUCH *Marvellous Works* of God in our Favour as we have now called to mind, ſhould be *Remembered* with Sobriety. We ſhould be ſtrictly careful, that while on ſuch an Happy Occaſion as this, we pretend to *Remember* the Mercies of God, and Rejoice in his *Marvellous Works* in our Favour; we do not, *as the Manner of ſome is*, allow ourſelves, in any indecent Liberties, or exceed the Limits of Moderation and Sobriety. What a groſs and inexcuſable Abuſe is it of the ſignal Mercies of God, to expreſs our joyful Senſe or Remembrance of them, by abuſing ourſelves with Exceſs and Intemperance! Yet this you muſt be ſenſible is a very common Practice upon Days of publick Rejoicing. *But I hope better Things of you my Brethren*, and that you will keep a ſtrict Guard upon yourſelves, that there may be nothing in your Conduct on ſuch Happy Occaſions, that may provoke God in Judgment to depart from you, and to give you up to the relentleſs Rage and Cruelty of our Popiſh Adverſaries. Let your Remembrance of the Divine Goodneſs in every Inſtance of it, be attended with the ſtricteſt Sobriety, and whatever Day you keep, keep it to the Lord.

2. IT becometh us to retain a Grateful Remembrance of God's *Marvellous Works* in our Favour, or to *Remember* them with Great

Great Thankfulneſs to Him as the Principal Author of them, and a Decent Reſpect to thoſe, whom he hath thought fit to employ as Under-Agents or Inſtruments of effecting them. In all Remarkable Events of Providence, we ought to look up firſt to the Almighty Governor of the Univerſe, and Infinitely Wiſe Diſpoſer of Providential Events with Great Thankfulneſs: Our firſt Tribute of Praiſe is always due there, for the Hand of the Lord is in all theſe Things. It is his glorious Prerogative to be the *God of Salvation.* That very *Memorable* Inſtance of Divine Goodneſs which we are this Day Reviewing, plainly beſpeaks the tender Care of Heaven over theſe Nations, and calls for our Grateful Acknowledgments to him, whoſe *Marvellous Work* it was. With what Indignation, and angry Reſentment, does God complain of the baſe and notorious *Ingratitude* of his Ancient and Favourite People! *Hear, O Heavens, and give Ear O Earth, for the Lord hath ſpoken! I have nouriſhed and brought up Children, and they have rebelled againſt me. The Ox knoweth his Owner, and the Aſs his Maſter's Crib, but* Iſrael *doth not know, my People doth not conſider. Ah ſinful Nation! a People laden with Iniquity, a Seed of Evil-Doers, Children that are Corrupters, they have forſaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of* Iſrael *to*

Anger, they are gone away backward.[k] The leaſt we can do in Return for any Signal Appearances of God in our Favour, is to pay Him our Thankful Tribute, and make our Grateful Acknowledgments of his Goodneſs and Mercy. This is what God reaſonably requireth from us, as the Author of all our Happineſs, and the Neglect of this in us, would betray very groſs and inexcuſable Ingratitude. But give me leave to add under this Head, as God is to be principally Acknowledged in all the great Things his Providence bringeth about for us, ſo there is an Honourable and Decent Reſpect Due to Thoſe, whom he has Honour'd as Inſtruments of our Salvation or Happineſs. And tho' we muſt be ever careful, not to ſet the Creature in God's ſtead, yet it is no Part of our Duty, or Evidence of our Gratitude to God, entirely and ungratefully to overlook any whom he hath Diſtinguiſh'd and Dignify'd, as *Workers together with him*, for the Accompliſhment of *Great* and *Marvellous* Things in our Favour: But after all, our Higheſt Gratitude is to be directed to God, the Great Undoubted Author of all our Salvations.

3. Our Remembrance of the *Marvellous Works* God hath wrought out for us, ſhould encourage

[k] Iſaiah i. 2, 3, 4.

encourage our future Truſt in Him, and Cheerful Dependance upon his Providence. What greater Encouragement can we have to truſt in God, than our paſt large Experiences of his Mercy, and the Remembrance of his former Loving Kindneſs? When we ſit down and ſeriouſly reflect upon the Many Eminent Deliverances God hath wrought out for us in the moſt Critical and Threatening Seaſons, how greatly ſhould this excite and encourage our Truſt and Confidence in Him in every future Diſtreſs or Danger. When upon any new Difficulties or Dangers ariſing, we take a Review of the Many *Great* and *Marvellous Works which he hath done* for this Nation, we ſhall be convinc'd, that he can ſave by Many or by Few, that he can help us in the moſt Threatening Circumſtances, and Reſcue us from the Greateſt Dangers: On this Account then, as it would be inexcuſably ungrateful to God, ſo it would be very unkind to ourſelves, not to *Remember* his Mercies, as the Remembrance of them would be our beſt Support under new Troubles, and afford us Great Encouragement to hope for new Appearances of God in our Favour; for *Behold! the Lord's Hand is not ſhortened that it cannot ſave, neither is his Ear heavy that it cannot hear.*[l] He that has *delivered*, can *deliver*, and in him *we truſt that he will yet deliver us.*[m]

[l] Iſaiah lix. 1. [m] 2 Cor. i. 10.

4. THE *Marvellous Works* which God hath wrought for us, ſhould be had in Perpetual and Laſting Remembrance. We ſhould not preſently loſe the grateful Senſe of God's Favours, or forget *the Rock of our Salvation.* The *Marvellous Works* God hath once and again done for theſe Kingdoms, tho' they could not but make ſtrong Impreſſions (at thoſe Times) upon the Inhabitants of theſe Lands; yet now ſeem almoſt loſt in Silence, and buried in Oblivion. But ſuch great Salvations as have diſtinguiſhed this Day ſhould never be forgotten, eſpecially while we are reaping ſo many and great Advantages from them under the *Preſent Government.* 'Tis a very heavy Charge againſt God's favourite People of old: *They kept not the Covenant of God, and refuſed to walk in his Law, and forgat his Works and his Wonders that he had ſhewed them*;[n] *when he ſlew them* (ſays the Pſalmiſt) *then they ſought him, and they returned, and enquired early after God, and they remembred that God was their Rock, and the High God their Redeemer*:[o] Yet they ſeem ſoon to have loſt again the Senſe of God's peculiar Goodneſs to them; for we read in ſome following Verſes, *They turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of* Iſrael: *They remembred not his Hand, nor the Day when he delivered*

[n] Pſal. lxxviii. 10, 11. [o] Verſes 34, 35.

delivered them from the Enemy, how he had wrought his Signs in Egypt, *and his Wonders in the Field of* Zoan :[p] They remembred not theſe Things, *i.e.* they had loſt the Grateful and Influencial Senſe of them. They did not keep up ſuch a Remembrance of God, and his *Wonderful Works* in their Favour, as might have a Laſting Influence upon them, to excite their Gratitude to, and Encourage their Dependance upon *the God of Salvation.*

IT will be of particular Uſe and Advantage to us, as we are now circumſtanced, to Record God's *Marvellous Works that he hath done*, for the Deliverance and Salvation of theſe Kingdoms, when they have been Remarkably Embarraſs'd and Reduc'd to the Greateſt Extremity: I ſay, as we are now circumſtanced, being involv'd in a Neceſſary and Hazardous War with Foreign Powers. It muſt ſure in ſuch a Circumſtance afford us great Pleaſure, to think that the Lord God of Hoſts hath often Eminently Eſpous'd our Cauſe, and fought our former Battles for us, and thereby encouraged our Addreſſes to, and Truſt in Him for Succeſs in our preſent Attempts for the Defence of the *Rights* and *Liberties* of *Europe*, which are now ſo *Inſolently* and *Audaciouſly* Invaded.

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[p] Pſal. lxxviii. 41, 42, 43.

5. I SHALL only add, that the Remembrance of *the Marvellous Works God hath done* for us, ſhould be a ſtrong and forcible Obligation upon us, to uſe the utmoſt Care and Caution, leaſt by our under-valuing, or not improving our preſent Priviledges, we ſhould forfeit his Favour, and bring down ſevere and heavy Judgments upon us and our Land. I ſhall now haſten to the Cloſe of this Diſcourſe, only Reminding you of the *Great Deliverance* God wrought out for us, as on this Day, and Exhorting you to manifeſt your Grateful and Religious Remembrance of that Extraordinary Interpoſition of Providence in our Favour, by duly prizing the many, and very valuable Priviledges we Enjoy under the *Auſpicious Government of his Preſent Majeſty*, Who hath given Sufficient, nay Abundant Proofs, of a *Tender* and *Fatherly* Regard to the Security and Felicity of his Subjects.

GOD Grant we may long Enjoy, and religiouſly Improve the Ineſtimable Bleſſings of his Majeſty's Reign, and by every proper Demonſtration of our *Loyalty* and *Affection* to our Sovereign, contribute all we can in our ſeveral Stations, to Render his Government Eaſy to him, as he has left us no room to doubt that 'tis his Concern, to Render it

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Happy to us, and all his Dutiful and Loving Subjects.

LET us ever thankfully Acknowledge the Wiſe, Mighty, and Merciful Hand of God, in ſo *Peaceably* and *Seaſonably* ſettling the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover* on the *Britiſh Throne*, and giving us ſo Agreeable a Proſpect in the numerous Branches of that *Auguſt Houſe*, that the Religious and Civil Priviledges we now Enioy, may, by the ſame kind Hand of Providence, be tranſmitted ſafely down, even to the Lateſt Poſterity. Which may God of his Infinite Mercy Grant, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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